

LEVI VASSAR.

FEBRUARY 4, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McLAIN, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5532.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5532) granting an increase of pension to Levi Vassar, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

Levi Vassar, of Neosho, Mo., was a private in Company H, Third Regiment Missouri Mounted Volunteers, and served from June 1, 1847, to October 19, 1848, in the war with Mexico, and he is now receiving the pension of \$12 per month allowed by law for such service.

The testimony accompanying the bill shows that claimant is 78 years old, the possessor of personal property and real estate not exceeding \$1,000 in value, and that he is wholly unable to earn a support by manual labor, by reason of his age, disease of the stomach, and rupture of both sides. The facts are sworn to by reputable citizens of Newton County, Mo., one of whom is the claimant's physician.

There are many precedents for increasing the pensions of the aged and needy survivors of the Mexican war, and in view of the facts stated above the passage of the bill is recommended.